



## A Message from President Capilouto

The end of another academic year provides an opportunity to reflect on all that the UK family has accomplished together. It's been a successful year, and I've been sharing several hallmarks of our progress with communities around our state.

We're a University of choice for an increasing number of students. Our enrollment passed 30,000 for the first time in Fall 2014. Among those students were 113 National Merit, National Achievement and National Hispanic Scholars, bringing the total to 289 in the last three years. This places us in the Top 10 among public institutions with these scholars.

We are graduating a larger number of students than at any point in our history. In May, the University awarded more than 4,500 undergraduate, graduate and professional degrees. This cohort of students is added to the more than 1,900 graduates who received their degree during the December Commencement.

At the same time, we must focus on improving student retention and graduation rates across campus. While we are deeply proud of what our students accomplished with the support of our faculty and staff, we know we can – and will – do more to improve these numbers. The forthcoming strategic plan will help guide this work.

The University reached another milestone in our effort to redevelop and rebuild Kentucky's flagship campus. In the last four years, we've invested \$1.71 billion in campus facilities related to quality of life, health care, infrastructure, student success and academics. This scope represents 4.9 million square feet to rebuild our campus.

Still, work remains if we hope to position UK as a thriving residential, research campus. We will continue to address deficits in the accessibility of our campus facilities, improve how people

move across campus, and create more shared spaces for learning, discovery and community.

This spring, the Kentucky General Assembly authorized a \$265 million research building that we are financing with the support of the state and self-generated funds. This was a major priority for the institution during the legislative session and will help advance our research enterprise.



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This project has several moving parts, including -- but not limited to -- how we will fit-out the space over time and develop multidisciplinary teams answering Kentucky questions. How we foster a collaborative, multidisciplinary environment for answering Kentucky questions that have a global impact will be integral to a successful research enterprise.

We've made extraordinary progress, but there is more work to do. The greatest markers of success are the concrete representations of others' trust in us: the students who choose to pursue their education at UK; the faculty who teach, mentor and discover here; the staff who dedicate their time to operating our campus and supporting our students and this important work; and the many alumni, donors and friends who represent and advocate for our university.

The 2014-15 academic year was a special time for the University of Kentucky, but there is still more work to do. With your continued support, we look forward to an even brighter future. 🍀

Sincerely,

Eli Capilouto  
President

## Medical Student Provides Critical Care Training to Nepali Doctors Before Earthquake Emergencies



Jennifer Cotton, a 2015 graduate from the UK College of Medicine, is raising funds to help Nepali doctors replenish intensive care unit supply boxes, which cost as much as \$4,000 and have been depleted since the first emergency response.

After traveling to Montreal to provide ultrasound training at a conference in 2014, Cotton was invited by the Nepal

Critical Care Development Foundation to serve as a trainer during an ultrasound workshop held in the capital city of Kathmandu. During her two-week trip, Cotton and medical colleagues from around the world taught Nepali doctors the latest techniques in critical care ultrasound. The only American to participate as a trainer in the conference's workshop, Cotton said she was humbled to have the opportunity to pass her skill set on to Nepali doctors.

Although she was younger and less experienced than the Nepali doctors, she had

mastered critical care ultrasound skills through her involvement in the UK College of Medicine Ultrasound Interest Group and the mentorship of Dr. Matt Dawson, UK Health-Care director of point of care ultrasound.

Cotton instructed many local doctors on how to hold an ultrasound probe for the first time. Because of Cotton's training, doctors from across the region were equipped with new skills in trauma and critical care ultrasound only months before two major disasters. Cotton said she will continue to participate in the annual ultrasound training in Nepal. 🍀

## Continuing UK's Campus Transformation: The UK Student Center

On May 16, we officially closed the doors of the current UK Student Center, making way for the next phase of our campus transformation. The new facility will provide innovative, modern space for students to study, recreate, dine, collaborate and most importantly, build community. It will be an amazing facility -- among the premiere student centers in the country.

Since 2011, we've invested more than \$1.7 billion in facilities projects, aimed at fostering the best environment for student success. So as we continue to transform our campus, our Student Center project further exemplifies that commitment.

The new Student Center will provide a dedicated area for student organizations, with more space than the current facility.

An 80+ seat, high-tech senate chamber, equipped with video technology, roll-call voting and individual microphones will create an ideal space for Student Government functions and University Senate meetings, among other events.

A beautiful new Visitor's Center will welcome prospective students and families to our campus.

The Martin Luther King Center will be located at the heart of the building. It will house cultural heritage information, program and educational support functions, as well as social and cultural development areas.

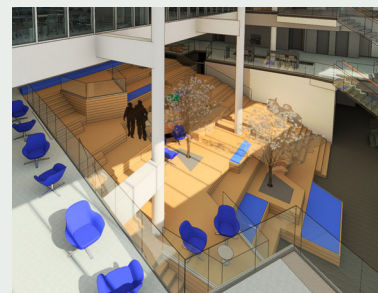
A 250 variable seat "Blue Box Theater" will be equipped with state of the art technology, making it flexible for all kinds of performances from recitals, to concerts, to

experimental theater and performance art, to dinner theaters.

Indoor and outdoor social spaces will be reimagined and created throughout, including a social staircase located in the center of the building and inspired by the limestone creek and riverbeds. The outdoor spaces will interact seamlessly with space inside the Student Center in a very transparent way, so the outside becomes an active part of the Student Center.

An approximately 600 seat residential dining area will provide a large fresh food area. Retail dining options like Subway, Chick-fil-A, Panda Express, Greens to Go, Starbucks and other favorites will also be included.

The new UK Student Center, a \$175 million facility, will be completed in January 2018 🏗️



## Three UK Students Win NSF Research Awards

The University of Kentucky Office of Nationally Competitive Awards has announced that three of the university's students have been selected to receive government-funded National Science Foundation (NSF) Graduate Research Fellowships. The fellowships award more than \$100,000 to use toward research-based master's or doctoral degrees. In addition, four other UK students received honorable mention recognition from the NSF.

The NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program helps ensure the vitality of the human resource base of science and engineering in the U.S. and reinforces its diversity. The program recognizes and supports outstanding graduate students in NSF-supported science, technology, engineering and mathematics disciplines who are pursuing research-based graduate degrees in the U.S. and abroad.

The NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program is the country's oldest graduate fellowship program directly supporting graduate students in social science and various STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) fields since 1952. 🏡

## Barnhart Chosen for Athletics Director of the Year Award

University of Kentucky Director of Athletics Mitch Barnhart was named a winner of the Under Armour Athletics Director of the Year Award Tuesday, May 12, by the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA).

Barnhart was one of four selected in the NCAA Football Bowl Subdivision, along with Chris Del Conte of TCU, Warde Manuel of Connecticut and Ian McCaw of Baylor. They will receive their honors June 17 at the annual NACDA awards luncheon in Orlando, Florida.

The NACDA recognition comes the same year that UK Athletics completed the final goal set as part of Barnhart's ambitious 15 by 15 by 15 Plan.

UK Athletics has enjoyed comprehensive growth since Barnhart's arrival in 2002. Eighteen of UK's 22 varsity teams contributed to the 2014 school-record Directors' Cup finish, with seven finishing in the top 10 of their respective sports.

Barnhart is the second Kentucky AD to be selected, as C.M. Newton was chosen in 1999, the inaugural year for the honor. 🏡